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Public input meeting

The Recreation Department for the City of Belle Glade is holding a public input meeting for recreational issues on Tuesday, September 5 at 6 p.m. in Conference Room B, City Hall.

The meeting is open to the public and citizens are invited to attend to give their ideas about recreational opportunities for the children of Belle Glade. These meetings will be held the first Tuesday of every month at the same location and time.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 996-0100.

Head Start meeting

There will be an Orientation/Parent meeting for all parents at the South Bay Head Start Center on Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Parents must attend the meetings. It is part of the requirements for enrolling at Head Start. Child care will be provided at the meeting.

Political Forum

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a political forum on Thursday, September 14 at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge, 300 S.E. Avenue E, Belle Glade.

The event will begin with a barbecue fundraiser at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per person. The candidates will speak beginning at 7 p.m.

For tickets or more information, call the Chamber at 996-2745.

Pot Luck in the Muck

The Potluck Advisory Committee is looking for volunteers to participate in the next Pot Luck in the Muck performances, which are scheduled for September 23 and 24.

Rehearsals are beginning soon. Call 992-9500 to sign up. There is a new script with lots of parts and various jobs are available for anyone who wishes to help, including acting, making costumes, singing, selling tickets, building the set, preparing food for the cast and crew.

Call Sandy at 992-9500 or Leona at 992-6161 for more information or to volunteer.

Free concert at Dolly Hand

The Florida Philharmonic will perform in a free concert at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Monday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m.

For complimentary tickets call 992-6160 or 992-6161. The concert is by reserved seating only.

Pahokee C.O.P. Unit #77 meeting

The regular monthly meeting.

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Pahokee PD cuts ribbon on new substation

By Tracy Whitt

Pahokee city officials, residents and members of the Pahokee Police Department turned out Tuesday, Aug. 22 for the ribbon-cutting and open house at the new Police Department Suboffice in the Parker Apartments at 169 Adams Place #47.

Before cutting the ribbon on the new suboffice, Mayor Roy L. Singletary expressed his appreciation of the progress the department has made and thanked Scott Parker, owner of the 46-unit apartment complex who provided the two-room, ground floor apartment for the police department's use free of charge.

The Police Department is doing a tremendous job. There's been a total turnaround in the last couple of months and I'm quite sure you're going to see quite a change," Mayor Singletary said.

Vice Mayor Henry Crawford also thanked Mr. Parker. "He's continually come to our meetings and told us something needed to be done about the crime, and he's done something, by giving us this office, not just talk," Mr. Crawford said. "With all of us working as a team, we can stop crime in Pahokee."

Commissioner Pete Moore said Pahokee's efforts at cracking

down on crime have been so successful that he's heard complaints from Belle Glade residents about the "bad company" that has relocated there.

Chief Gary Frechette said the department will offer after school and weekend activities for school children at the suboffice and has received donated items from Toys R Us to hold coloring contests and award prizes to neighborhood children.

"This is our new home, and we want you to think of it as your home, too," Chief Frechette said.

The new suboffice will be staffed by Lt. Etheridge "Crack Shot" Bryant, 77, a veteran Pahokee Police officer of 25 years who came back to the department from retirement to head the operation. Under him are seven community policing reserve officers, fully certified law enforcement officers who are volunteering to work the unit.

The new suboffice is located in what Pahokee Police describe as one of the more flagrant areas for street corner drug sales and other infractions. The new community policing unit stationed at the suboffice will perform a two-fold function: crowd a safe place for children to come and do their homework and interact with officers, while putting more officers on foot patrol in the neighborhood to combat crime, and pro-



Lt. Etheridge "Crack Shot" Bryant, Pahokee Commissioner Pete Moore, Vice Mayor Henry Crawford, City Manager Ken Schenck and Pahokee Police Chief Gary Frechette looked on as Mayor Roy L. Singletary cut the ribbon on the department's new suboffice at 169 Adams Place. (Photo by Tracy Whitt)

viding an outreach center for citizens to file complaints and report crimes.

"We're going to try to stay as close to the community as we can," Lt. Bryant said. "We'll have police officers out there walking the street so grandmas not afraid to walk to the neighbor's house, someone bothering her. We're

going to work closely with the school children—we have coloring books and crayons, and if parents don't have the money for school supplies, if they'll come by the office we'll help them. We're going to try to get the guys that hang out on the street corners involved in the community."

Lt. Bryant said so far reaction

in the community has been positive.

"We want to work with them, treat them as human beings," Lt. Bryant said. "Police can solve maybe 20 percent of crimes by themselves, but for the rest of it we need the help of the community."

FIREFIGHTERS TO THE AID



Belle Glade firefighters responded to a car fire about 5:15 p.m. Monday, August 28, on State Road 880 east of Nile Mile Band. The 1993 Chevy Camaro, owned by Mario Barrios of Belle Glade, was completely destroyed in the fire, but Mr. Barrios was not injured. Fire Chief Stephen Rice said the fire started in the engine block. Shown in front of the totaled car, from left are Fire Chief Rice with firefighters Will Weeks and Jose Santiago.

Veteran officer comes back from retirement

By Tracy Whitt

After 40 years as a police officer, it's hard to adjust to retirement. Just ask Lt. Etheridge "Crack Shot" Bryant, 77, a veteran Pahokee Police officer of 25 years who came back to the department from retirement to head the new Pahokee Police Department Suboffice at 169 Adams Place.

"When you stay in a police department for 40 years, it's hard to adjust to life out there. They talk about inmates becoming institutionalized—maybe it's the same for cops. I came back because I'm comfortable—it's my little family," said Lt. Bryant.

Lt. Bryant was 28 years old in 1959 when he became the first black police officer with the Chieftain Police Department.

"I've picked cotton, cut tobacco, dipped turpentine. I was hauling pulp to a papermill and everybody in Chieftain knew me. They had to hire some black officers and they asked me if I'd be interested in doing it."

"Six months later, I was playing outside with the kids when the police came to my house. I



Lt. Etheridge "Crack Shot" Bryant didn't know what in the world they wanted, and when they gave me the job, I like to have fainted," he said. "I asked them to give me some time to think about it. I started talking to old people I knew about how to handle it. I talked to the judge, because I knew he'd give me the straight

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Crime falls 30-40 percent in Pahokee

By Tracy Whitt

Crime in Pahokee is down 30-40 percent across the board this year, when compared to the same time last year, Pahokee Police Chief Gary Frechette told the Pahokee commission at their regular meeting Aug. 22.

"Last year at this time there were 292 crimes against property, compared to 143 in the same time span this year. There were 47 violent crimes against persons this time last year, compared to 30 this year," said Chief Frechette. "The numbers in Pahokee are starting to look real good."

The chief said he hopes, despite the seasonal epidemic

common to the area, that the statistics will continue to show a decrease.

The chief also reported that the department has secured \$34,874 in grant funding from the criminal justice department for equipment for next year's budget.

The decline in criminal activity was not the only change reported at Tuesday's meeting. City Attorney Michael Staus reported that lien service for code enforcement is moving along, although tracking down property owners for service continues to be a problem in some cases.

Commissioner Hugh Branch said he was encouraged by the

cooperation the city is receiving from residents and the efforts of the Police Department and Fire Department to enforce codes.

"I noticed bright and early Sunday morning, where the guys hung out under the trees, they were cleaning up after themselves," Mr. Branch said. "When you see youth doing something positive, give them a pat on the shoulder. Maybe they'll keep it up."

Not everyone in Pahokee seems to be as pleased about the crackdown on code violations as the commission. Two local residents appeared before the commission to complain about the

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Power generating plant coming to Belle Glade Business Park

By Brenda Bunting

Editor

Moving forward on attracting new businesses to the Belle Glade Business Park, the City of Belle Glade has entered into an agreement with Coastal Power, Inc. permitting them to go forward with plans to construct a power plant on 50 acres of land in the park. The business park is located north of the city airport on North Main Street.

David Sims, a representa-

tive of Coastal Power Company, has told commissioners his company, a subsidiary of The Coastal Corporation, based in Houston, Texas, wants to build a modern combined cycle power generating facility with 300 megawatts capacity. This will be enough energy to serve approximately 175,000 households, fueled by natural gas.

An affiliate company, A & R Pipeline is proposing to construct a new pipeline called the Gulfstream Pipeline, which would serve the proposed facility,

says Mr. Sims.

One of the concerns of Coastal, and the city is whether the city can provide approximately five million gallons of water per day to Coastal's power plant. The plant needs the water for utilization in the cooling process. The city's Director of Public Services, Tommy Cone, assured the city and Coastal that the city can provide the water, most of which will be

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Three officers injured making arrest

By Brenda Bunting

Editor

A routine traffic stop ended with three officers suffering injuries and one man arrested on multiple charges Saturday night across from U-Save Supermarket.

Johnny Slaughter, 28, of Lake Worth was arrested and charged with two counts of aggravated battery, resisting arrest with violence, depriving an officer of his means of pro-

tection or communication, possession of marijuana over 20 grams and possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

Belle Glade Police Officer Lyndene Peters said he was on road patrol on State Road 880 near Duda Road about 12:20 a.m. Saturday when he saw a white Chevrolet Caprice westbound lane traveling at a high rate of speed. He attempted to stop the car and the Caprice pulled over in the 500 block of

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City oks force main relocation

By Tracy Whitt

The Belle Glade Commission authorized interim city manager Dave Woods to contract with an engineer to relocate a 12 inch sanitary sewer force main to allow work on the bridge on SR 715 to continue.

Mr. Woods told the commission the force main was not located where it was indicated on a city map drawn in 1984 and was damaged while Murphy construction was dewatering north of the bridge.

The existing main will be removed to allow Ranger to continue excavating the existing approach and pouring concrete on the north side, including the wing walls, which must be built out to widen the bridge. Mr. Woods said.

The pipe will be rerouted on

the east side of the bridge, with a line stop installed by city crew to allow work on the bridge to continue. The permanent re-routing of the line, south of the bridge, is expected to cost \$30,000.

Vice Mayor Bill D. Mathis said he hoped the contractor was not blaming the delay in completion of the bridge, scheduled to reopen in November, on the city of Belle Glade.

"They've been sitting on their hands on that bridge for a long time," Mr. Mathis said. Mr. Woods said the force main would be permanently relocated south of the bridge, as indicated on the original map, when the crew cuts the road to install finalization at the bridge.

The commissioners agreed to declare an emergency to allow

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Appeals court decides to lower Lake Okeechobee

The South Florida Water Management District is the best entity to decide what emergency actions the agency should take to protect the region's water resources, according to a ruling issued Wednesday by the state's Second District Court of Appeal.

The second DCA's ruling was in response to Lee County's appeal of the May 12 emergency order by the District's Governing Board to lower Lake Okeechobee to protect its environmental health.

Lee County had sought appellate review of the board's resolution, which directed District staff to immediately begin releasing water from Lake Okeechobee to

the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries to lower its level to restore the lake's plant and animal habitat. Years of high water levels created submerged vegetation that supports economically important fisheries.

In response to Lee County's claim that no immediate need existed to draw down the lake at that time, the court wrote "we will not, under these circumstances, substitute our judgment for that of the District."

The court determined it does not have jurisdiction over such an administrative action by the District—i.e., the day to day operations of the regional flood con-

trol and water supply system, especially in an emergency. The appeals court's ruling affirms the SWFWMD jurisdiction to manage the region's water resources to protect the health and safety of its people and its natural systems, said District General Counsel John J. Puntiero.

"The governing Board must be able to take quick, decisive actions in emergencies, and the court supported our authority to do so," Puntiero said. "Lake Okeechobee's current path to recovery—increased plant growth, improved water quality, and revitalized fisheries—is proof we took the right action at the right time."

holding the gun and broke the gun in three pieces," Lt. Bryant said. "I've been an armed 'Crack Shot' among his fellow officers."

But the story doesn't end there, according to the lieutenant.

"The guy got three, and when he got out of prison, he came back here. Then the Glades Drug Store was robbed, and Chief Salvatore assigned me to the case. Some folks told me they saw this guy carrying a prescription bag that I should check him out. I checked the bag, I advised him of his rights and I arrested him. Then I asked him his name and he said, 'Sir, I'm the man you shot three years ago and he showed me his hand.'"

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stuff. I talked to the principal at the black school and they told me that to do it at that time, I couldn't arrest white people, and the black folks I could arrest didn't think I should arrest them."

Having survived 15 years with the Chieftain PD, he joined the Pahokee Police Department in 1975, retiring as a road patrol lieutenant.

It was while working under former chief Carmen Salvatore that he earned the nickname "Crack Shot."

"It was right after I got here, 23-

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retained wastewater.

Mr. Sims told commissioners a combined cycle natural gas generation plant "utilizes advanced technologies in the combustion of natural gas using gas turbine generators, the exhaust gases are captured, directed to a boiler, converted to steam, then redirected to a steam turbine generator."

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code enforcement actions taken against them."

James Johnson appeared before the commission to ask that the fine he had received for not keeping his grass cut be reduced. Bob Miller complained that residents should receive 60 days, rather than 10 days to repair or remove disabled vehicles.

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them to forgo the usual bid process to contract out the relocation, citing the need to finish the bridge as quickly as possible.

The expressed concern that the bridge closure is adversely affecting businesses and the city's marina.

After further business, the commission.

Approved an amendment to the agreement with Palm Beach

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Southeast Avenue E.

Officer Peters said he called for backup after noticing the driver, Johnny Slaughter, was

The proposed construction would potentially begin in 2002, with operation commencing in 2004.

Economic benefits to the city, according to Mr. Sims would include a capital investment of approximately \$200 million, added substantial long term tax revenue for the city, creation of approximately 20-25 new full time jobs, with approximately 200 jobs during construction. The plant, according to Mr. Sims, would help meet the

needs from residential property.

The commission took no action on either complaint.

Resident Marion Hattson suggested that such issues should be brought before the code enforcement board.

In other business the commission:

Approved a resolution making Bridge Street one way from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. to accommodate the new school and reduce congestion in the area. The street is open for two-way traffic at other

County to extend the deadline for utilization of \$45,200 for Community Development Block Grant funds for park improvements at Lakeshore Park and Dolly Hand Park to March, 2001. The commissioners also authorized payment of \$24,895 to Game Time for playground equipment for Lakeshore Park and authorized payment of \$3,175 to WCO, Inc. for engineering services and design of a basketball court at Hand Park.

The CDBG grant will also fund the installation of a bicycle rack at Hand Park.

Approved an agreement

reaching all around the interior of the car before exiting. When Officer Michael Woodside arrived, the two officers asked Slaughter if he had any weapons, drugs, or anything illegal. Slaughter allegedly told officers he did not and gave permission for them to search his car while he waited on the sidewalk.

Police say while they were checking inside the car, Slaughter jumped into the car and tried to drive off. Officer Woodside, who was half inside the car, said he was dragged down the pavement, punched in the face and bitten by Slaughter. Officer Peters said he managed to put the car into park and throw the keys out the driver's side door opening while also

with the School District of Palm Beach County to continue the Treasury Interdiction program (TIP). The program is a \$400,000 budget, \$74,800 funded by grants with a \$18,700 local match.

Approved the longevy payment program based on years of service by city employees and the new retirement plan for city fire fighters.

Approved an agreement with Genbus Construction company to provide debris removal service to the City of Belle Glade in the event of storm damage.

being attacked by Slaughter. According to police, Slaughter also attempted to take Officer Peters gun from the holster and yelled, "I got a gun."

Sgt. Kevin Kuschel and other officers on the scene and officers managed to remove Slaughter from the car and handcuff him. Officer Peters and Sgt. Kuschel both received hand and wrist injuries during the struggle. Officer Woodside was taken to Glades General Hospital by ambulance where he was treated for his injuries.

When K-9 Officer J.P. Owens later checked Slaughter's car for contraband, a freezer sized Ziploc bag of marijuana was found in a jacket in the back seat of Slaughter's car. The bag contained 109 grams of marijuana. Police say Slaughter has a history of drug offenses. He was taken to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office West Detention Facility under no bond.



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ing of the Citizens on Patrol will be held Monday, September 11.

7 p.m. instead of the first Monday due to Labor Day holiday in the City of Pahokee. Commission Chambers located at 171 North Ave. 2nd floor. All members are asked to be in uniform and on time. Any one who would like to become a member is welcome to attend this party also. Please contact Rev. Patricia S. Wallace for further details at 996-1692 before 4 p.m.

Political forum

Candidates for Belle Glade's city commission election will participate in a political forum Thursday, Aug. 31 at city hall at 7 p.m.

Revelal

The Church of God, Pahokee, 245 W. 3rd St. will host a revealal through their library on Thursday, Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Sanders, Jr. of Plant City. Pastor Bishop Bud Mickins encourages all to attend.

Reading Challenge

Reading is its own reward but challenging a library card Sign-Up Month in November there's extra incentive for young readers. The Eighth Annual "Read-Don't Ask" Reading Challenge.

Whichever child reads the most books and the Treasure Coast county libraries, the Reading Challenge encourages children in grades K-5 to read more books. The program runs from September through the month of September. Children who sign up for a valid library card or show proof of a library card will receive free McDonalds food on each of three visits. Completed Reading Challenge cards qualify children for a prize drawing, including gift certificates to Target stores, Museum gift packs and dictionaries from Houghton Mifflin Publishing. Over 10,000 children throughout Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast participated in the McDonalds Reading Challenge program last year.

McDonalds continued the program as a way to encourage kids to discover all the library has to offer. It is a natural extension of McDonalds commitment to education and family issues, supported in the Palm Beach County market by McDonalds owners, including Jim Booth, Keith Melton, Steve Nesbitt and Paul Ruffa. Library systems in Okeechobee, Indian River, St. Lucie counties are participating, in addition to many city libraries in the Palm Beach County area. Ronald McDonald will be making appearances at selected locations.

Alzheimer's support group

If you have a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder, you know first-hand the difficulties that arise when looking for a compassionate support in the community. If you need to go to work, shop, or just some relaxation, Alzheimer's Community Care Association (ACCA), a non-profit organization, offers you a solution. ACCA provides an affordable adult day-care setting, complete with a tailored, therapeutic activities program. You loved one will receive social stimulation, nutritious meals and snacks, and routine maintenance by a licensed nurse. With the help of ACCA, you'll be fortified in the knowledge that your loved one is kept active in the presence of a professional, caring staff.

For more information, please call Alzheimer's Community Care Association at 561-924-7283 and ask for Lynette Wiseman, Program Manager.

The Alzheimer's Community Care Association is proud to be participating agency of the United Way of Palm and Martin Counties.

Help packets available

The Palmetto Judicial Circuit's Self Help Center has added forms/packets on landlord and tenant actions to its collection. The new packets are "Residential Eviction," "Residential Eviction with Damages." Plans for the additional County Court packets are underway along with plans to provide forms/packets at public libraries throughout the county. The Self Help Centers are located at 2976 State Road #15 Belle Glade. The hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Beginning this month, a legal aid attorney will be available for consultations regarding family law forms/packets at the Belle Glade Courthouse the first Thursday afternoon of each month from 1-4 p.m. No appointment is necessary. The cost of a consultation is \$10 for 15 minutes.

Additionally, the law library located on the first floor of the courthouse at 205 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, is available for use by the public patrons' use. The computers may be of particular interest to attorneys for processing of revisions to court orders. Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Parents rights workshop

The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc., Judicial Advocacy Project will be offering a workshop/seminar entitled, "Parents rights and responsibilities." The workshop will give parents and guardians and others information about their rights and responsibilities concerning school issues pertaining to their children. The program will be held at 141 South Main Street, Suite 101, in the Western Auto Plaza, Belle Glade. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Gail Davis at 1-561-993-3836.

HSTC preparation class

The Glades Central Community High School adult and continuing education department is offering a Special HSTC preparation class for former students who need to validate their diplomas. The class will meet on Wednesdays through Thursdays through October 3, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This class is for those who have earned enough credits to graduate, or who have received a certificate of attendance, and only need to pass the HSTC to receive a diploma.

Adults can take the HSTC until the 2002-2003 school year. Beginning in the 2003-2004 school year, adults will have to take the FCAT instead.

Register in the adult and community education office or call 992-4404.

September Antiques Extravaganza

Check out our Autumn colors at Piccadilly's September Antique and Collectibles Extravaganza. This fantastic event will be held at the South Florida Fairgrounds in West Palm Beach on September 11, 2nd and 3rd 2000. The show will host over 500 exhibitors coming from around Florida and the nation. The event will occupy the expo building, four additional buildings, and an outside area with collectibles and antiques. Exhibitors will be buying, selling and trading antiques and collectibles of all types. Buyers are encouraged to bring in items for repair or appraisal as some of our vendors will offer their expertise in these areas. Glass repair by McCurley Glass and Crystal Repair and jewelry repair by Diamonds by Terry are just a few of the services. Some of the items that will be on display and for sale include antique toys, auto items, advertising sports items, vintage cards, paper items, military old tools, primitives, dolls, costume clothes, movie memorabilia, beanie's and much more.

A wide variety of food and beverage will also be available. This huge event will kick off with a Special Early Buyers Preview on Friday, September 1st from noon until 5 p.m. and will continue that Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday general admission is just five dollars per person and children under 12 are admitted free. Parking is also free.

Seniors invited

Senior participants are needed at the West County Senior Center. They would like to start a group called Relationship every Thursday, mid-day 11 a.m. until noon.

Everyone is welcome to participate in this event. This group deals with positive thinking, self-esteem, self-analysis, aging, and all the factors involved in growing old.

For more information call 996-4808.

Children welcome

PEPPI Hair Salon is accepting applications for three and four year old children into their day care program.

The service is free and children with disabilities are welcome. The service is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call 996-1718.

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A Rude Awakening

It was an early morning bad dream. Jennifer was tossing and turning, rolling from side to side in her double bed. The dream was so frightful that she had beads of sweat sitting on her forehead.

Another quick roll to her left, and Jennifer went over the edge of the bed. Her nose met the wooden floor full force. In the moments that followed, the pain in her face snapped her mind awake, and she struggled to figure out just where she was.

Then the full agony of this two-foot fall overcame any desire to sleep, and her actual whereabouts became painfully obvious. As Jennifer rolled over onto her back, something warm ran down on her lips and off her right cheek.

The ER's day shift had just arrived for work when Jennifer stumbled through the doors. She was holding an ice bag on her nose, and she moaned as she sat down in the chair by the triage nurse's desk. The bleeding had stopped on the way to the hospital.

"Hi. What happened?" Linda asked as she peaked past the ice bag.

"You're not going to believe this," Jennifer whispered.

"Try me," Linda responded with a smile. She applied the blood pressure cuff to Jennifer's arm as she listened to the story.

"She just couldn't help smiling some more as she finished writing the vital signs of the triage sheet."

"Jennifer?" Linda glanced at the arms and legs. "And your neck doesn't hurt at all?"

Linda shook her head slowly back and forth, since quick movements fussed more pain.

"A rude awakening this morning," Linda commented.

As she followed Linda toward an ER bed, Jennifer noticed an open bathroom door and could not resist taking a peak in the mirror.

"Oh, no!"

Some huge person's nose resided on Jennifer's face.

"It's so swollen," she whined as she sat on the ER bed.

She sat on the ER bed. She waited, she sighed more than once. The couple tears now were from thinking about her face, rather than from the pain.

Emergency physician Tammy Cortez entered the room.

"Hi. I'm Dr. Cortez. Linda tells me you, um, rolled out of bed?"

"I know it sounds stupid," Jennifer said softly. "All I hurt was my nose! I guess it hit the floor."

After examining the nose, directly, Cortez began with the rest of her head, and neck. There was no pain or tenderness in Jennifer's neck, and her eyes, lips, and teeth were all normal.

"OK. Let's look in here," Cortez said as she placed the end of the otoscope light into each side of the nose. "Not too much swelling along the nasal septum."

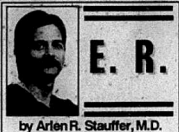
Cortez took a step back, and looked carefully at Jennifer's swollen nose.

"There's a lot of swelling right now, Jennifer, but your nose doesn't look crooked." She paused, and noticed the questioning look in Jennifer's eyes. "That's a good thing."

Then Cortez felt along the bones under Jennifer's eyes, and up onto the nose itself.

"It hurts there," Jennifer cried.

Cortez stepped back again. "Your nose is probably broken."



by Arlen R. Stauffer, M.D.

ken, Jennifer. The good news is that it doesn't seem to be crooked, and the rest of your face wasn't injured."

"Good news," Jennifer asked in a somewhat sarcastic, joking way.

Cortez smiled. "Let's get an X-ray to make sure."

Thirty minutes later, Jennifer was back on her ER bed. Cortez returned with the X-rays, and pointed out the fracture line.

"But, as I suspected, Jennifer, it is still straight."

"So, what will I have to do?"

"Well, this type of injury usually will heal up on its own, so you probably won't have to do anything other than that ice today."

Jennifer nodded, then touched the ice bag against her throbbing nose again. Another tear squeezed out of one eye. This time out of a sense of relief.

"I'm going to refer you to an ENT doctor," Cortez continued. "And he'll make sure you heal up OK."

With her discharge papers and the ENT referral in hand, Jennifer walked toward the door. As she rounded the corner into the waiting room, she came face to face with a man holding an ice bag on his nose.

He looked scared. There was dried blood on his chin.

Jennifer tried to sound reassuring. "It'll be OK. Good luck."

Facial bone fractures are common injuries presenting to emergency departments in this country. The nasal bones are commonly injured.

Resulting from direct impact, fractures of the nasal bones are frequently accompanied by bleeding, and significant swelling and tenderness result.

Possible complications include injuries to the cartilaginous nasal septum, and deformity of the nose. Although no further treatment may be necessary in an uncomplicated nasal fracture, referral to a specialist is often recommended for evaluation after the swelling has subsided, particularly to assess any cosmetic consequences.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.

Emergency Physicians. www.fcep.org

WALKING FOR PEACE



Pahokee Police Chief Gary Frechette, right, and Pahokee Lt. Etheridge "Crack Shot" Bryant, left, were joined by Commissioners Hugh Branch, Pete Moore, Vice Mayor Henry Crawford, Mayor Roy L. Singletary, city staff and residents in a candlelight walk the length of Rardin Ave. in observance of "Non-Violence Week." The mayor proclaimed Aug. 22-26 "Non-Violence Week" in the city of Pahokee at the commission's Aug. 8 meeting.



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Department of Insurance offers lifelong care guide

The Florida Department of Insurance has published a new free guide, "Options For Lifelong Care," to help consumers make decisions regarding long-term care.

"The old adage says there are but two certainties in life: death and taxes," Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson said. "But it's also certain that every day we live we're another day older. And it's a good idea."

to start planning now for what we may need in our later years."

An important consideration is the possible need for extensive health care, and today there are many options. The new consumer guide covers two of them: long term care insurance and continuing care retirement communities.

Long term insurance, sold by private insurance companies, provides benefits for a range of health care services not covered by regular health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. CCRMCs are retirement facilities that furnish housing and various levels of health care for a fee.

The guide contains information about standard provisions of a long-term care policy, types of policies, and factors to consider when choosing a policy. It also outlines the rights as well as the responsibilities of a policy holder and offers tips and advice on how to select an insurance agent and company. A separate section addresses how to choose a CCRMC, stressing the importance of considering the condition of a prospective facility as well as the health care options and management style.

For more info, call 1-800-342-2762.

Beef Council helps sponsor health website for women

When some people hear the word "diet," they connect it with not eating certain foods. But "diet" actually refers to what you do eat. A healthy diet is one that contains a balance of foods necessary for proper nutrition.

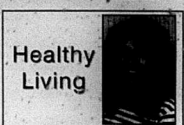
The Florida Beef Council has joined the Council for Women's Nutrition Solutions (CWNS), which sponsors a website that encourages women to eat right. The website is called www.Village.com/sponsors/energyinstitute.

CWNS has an advisory board of health and nutrition experts. It is funded by the \$1 per head beef checkoff program.

The "Energy Institute" area on Village deals with a problem many American women face - lack of energy. The website answers questions on nutrition, as well as topics such as how to get the kids to go to bed so that the parents can get some sleep.

I went online to check out the website and found it very easy to use and informative. There's a lot of common sense advice like (does this sound familiar?) eat breakfast, drink more water and consume foods in moderation.

The website also offers information on popular diets, specific data on nutritional content of vari-



ous foods and recipes for nutritious, easy to prepare meals.

Since the website is partially funded by beef producers, I expected to find a lot of emphasis on eating beef, but the nutritionists at the website simply include beef as a good source of iron, zinc, vitamin B12 and protein.

Those who visit the website can even ask questions, which will be responded to by members of the CWNS board.

I think it's a website worth bookmarking. Besides, I need to check out those tips on getting my two-year-old to go to bed on time.

Before making any changes to your diet or exercise program, check with your doctor. This is especially important if you are on any prescription medications. Some foods that would otherwise be considered healthy can interact badly with prescription drugs.

What to do with your animal when a hurricane threatens

Are you prepared for hurricane season? What about your pets?

Because we live in South Florida, hurricanes are no stranger to us, and it is very important to make arrangements for your pets prior to an emergency.

If you plan on leaving the area, make sure that wherever you stay will allow pets to stay in their facility. On the other hand, if you are planning to stay in a local shelter and riding out the storm there, make sure that you take care of your pets needs in advance.

Most shelters will not allow pets to stay with their owners. Make contact with a veterinarian before the storm gets too close, in order to be sure that they are still accepting boarders.

Ask what their policies are for boarding and what their procedure will be for taking in pets.

Those who are staying at home need to make sure they have enough food and water for themselves as well as their pet in case of an emergency. It is always a good idea to keep a copy of your pet vaccine records and health records if your pet is suffering from an illness. Another consideration should be your pet's medication. Make sure there is enough in case of an emergency. Also make sure your pet is wearing identification with its name and phone number. A photo is another good identification source.

Bottom line is "Be Prepared" for you as well as your pet.

If you have any questions call 993-9010.

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Dr. Richardson would like to inform all of his patients that he will be available in his Pahokee office from 9am to 6pm on Saturdays, starting on September 2. A secretary will be available in the office from 9am to 2pm, Monday through Friday for medical records, to make appointments and for messages.

URGENT MESSAGE FOR ALL PATIENTS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

2000 GENERAL CITY ELECTION

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA

Waiting time will be reduced if you bring your voter identification card, driver's license, or some form of photo identification bearing your signature to the polls at the Fire Station, 525 SW Second Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Election Day - Tuesday, September 12, 2000 and, if a Run-Off is necessary, on September 19, 2000. However, all registered voters will be permitted to vote, even if you fail to bring proper identification, by completing the required affidavit verifying your identity.

Only those qualified registered voters living within the corporate limits of the City of Belle Glade may vote in City Elections.

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Speak Out

Speak out is our free 24-hour opinion line. Call 996-6636 to express your opinion or ask a question about public issues. You are not required to give your name. While we want you to speak freely, the newspaper reserves the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance and fairness.

A question for a candidate

Yes, Mr. Hawkins, how are you going to be a good commissioner when you can't even be a good baseball commissioner? You messed over all the kids. So how are you going to be a good commissioner?

Mr. Hawkins' response is:

"In my 17 year involvement with Glades Youth Baseball volunteering at all levels, (currently as President) the program has grown tremendously. This year, for the first time, the league has become sanctioned through the Dixie Youth Baseball Program. The Board of Directors does the decision making, not any one individual. This board follows the rules and guidelines set up by Dixie Youth Baseball."

We had 28 teams for boys and girls, ages 5 to 18 involved. Some of the divisions played in games and tournaments all around the lake. We welcome all children in these age groups to participate and we are always in need of volunteers to help coach and umpire.

By the time you add the approximately 300 children who participated, their parents, the coaches and other volunteers, you have a lot of different personalities mixing together. Invariably there is always going to be happy.

"I am not really sure what this caller means, but my commitment with Glades Youth Baseball is the same as my pledge as a candidate for City Commissioner. My door will always be open to hear the thoughts and concerns of everyone. So please, feel free to call me and discuss this matter."

Where were the commission Speak Outs?

When calling to ask why none of the Speak Outs about the Belle Glade commission meeting ran in last week's paper, I think it is very important to let the people of Belle Glade know what's going on.

And it's my personal opinion that the Belle Glade Sun gave in to some type of pressure from the commissioners who were in the hot seat. And I don't think it's fair.

Again at the same place where the "12 live crew" played at last time, another live sex show took place this weekend. They were playing hide the glow stick. This is the sort of thing that the Mayor, Harma Miller and Mayor Wilkerson will not put restrictions on and I think it is a crying shame that the Belle Glade Sun didn't let the community know what was going on. Please put the speak outs in.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Speak Out calls this person is referring to ran this past week. Just to let our readers know, we are receiving so many Speak Out calls we are unable to get all of them in the week we receive them.

Illegal flyers in mailboxes

I would like to know how a candidate for a city office can go around and put flyers in mail boxes about political matters without stamps, knowing it is illegal. And also stating that political contributions are tax deductible when in fact they are not. I am looking about the Mayor, if she would be about that then what else would she lie about? Of all people, she being the mayor should know the law.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We received several calls about this expressing the same concerns. Another caller received a second flyer, but it was stamped. This caller also noted that campaign contributions are not tax deductible.

Response to "get a clue"

"This is in regard to the Speak Out article on 'Adult Entertainment' and the citizen who sent in the Speak out, 'Get a Clue.' I have some concerns. You have said that the water bill is increasing and that Harma Miller, Steve Wilson and Mary Wilkerson have something to do with it. I believe previous management is responsible for this."

I don't feel that Mrs. Miller or Mrs. Wilkerson have any type of influence on the election voting as to increasing it. They just do a good job and that's why they are voted into the positions they are in. Thank you.

More on adult entertainment

"If someone thinks that paying adult entertainment and letting people get away with not paying their water bill is doing a good job, then yes, let's just keep this mayor forever."

But did Harma Miller forget that God is holding us responsible for our actions, and when the day of judgment comes we will have to be accountable for them? How can she actually consider herself a representative of Christ?

I don't believe He would ever condone this idea. And I know politics and religion are not supposed to be mixed, but you can't not go to church on Sunday and worship the Lord and go to work Monday and work on allowing something so disgusting to be accepted."

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- To report the news with honesty, accuracy, purposeful neutrality, fairness, objectivity, fearlessness and compassion.
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Mayor Miller and Belle Glade City Commissioners,

The Light House Cafe, bar and restaurant, respectfully request that the city commissioners reconsider the adult entertainment ordinance that has been proposed at recent commission workshops.

The board feels that the leaders of our community should do everything in their power to prevent adult entertainment in our community. The board also feels that adult entertainment is detrimental to the endeavors of the Light House Cafe and that it will bring an environment to our community that will not enhance the opportunities of young people.

Lastly, the Light House Cafe is a ministry in our area that we are all working at together. Therefore, please consider this as a request to help our community wide spread.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Wilkerson
President of Light House Cafe

Who are the members of the Light House Cafe?

The Light House Cafe consists of nine volunteers from nine Glades area churches and organizations. They include:

- Mt. Zion A.M.E. Belle Glade
- Greater St. Paul Church of God, Belle Glade
- Lake Harbor United Methodist Church
- Good Shepherd Church of God, Pahokee
- Community United Methodist Church, Belle Glade
- Church of God of Prophecy, Belle Glade
- First Baptist Church, Belle Glade
- First Baptist Haitian Mission, Belle Glade
- Belle Glade Alliance Church
- Life Builders, Men's Action Group
- C.R.O.S. Ministry
- Glades Community Development Foundation

Dear Editor:

I am writing this in response to a flyer being circulated in our community titled "Points of concerns for the citizens of Belle Glade."

These are my points:

1. There is not one nude bar in Belle Glade.
2. The election date was changed to March for greater citizen participation. Citizens were involved in the discussion to change the voting date. Citizens were also involved in the discussion to change the terms of commissioners. Had you been in attendance at the commission meeting you would have known this.
3. The majority of the City Commission is responsible for the citizens knowing about the nearly one million dollars owed for the Glades Glen water bill. If citizens would attend the commission meeting they would know the facts.
4. The deterioration of the city started years ago. The present commissioners are just trying to clean it up and it is evident that somebody is upset.
5. The city has spent millions of tax payers money fighting to prevent the annexation of Okeechobee Center. Why? A local attorney was being paid by the city until the present commission voted that his services weren't needed.

The present commission is responsible for putting into place an evaluation system for city employees. How can one determine if, an employee deserves an increase in salary if there is no tool to access performance?

Prior to this majority commission, several employees were arrested, released, and others involved in cover-ups are still employed by the city.

One city department misused grants, funds and taxpayers' money to repay \$15 thousand dollars.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Raine
Belle Glade

Dear Editor:

Mayor Harma Miller and the campaigns for city commission seats in the City of Belle Glade it reinforces my belief that racism is this nation's most challenging issue.

For the record I am a white, female, registered independent voter in the City of Belle Glade. I have taught Black history and Central Community High School's championship Black History Brain Bowl Team. As a rule I do not involve myself in politics

because it divides instead of unifies. The current race is an example of this. There are people who seem to be playing on fears of retribution and mediocrity if members of the Black community are allowed to remain in office. History does not support this race. Ever since Reconstruction the great majority of Black elected officials have been honorable, ethical representatives in office. I hope that the voters of Belle Glade will take the time to get to know Ms. Wilkerson and Ms. Miller, as I have, because you will find that they are intelligent, ethical and have all of our best interests at heart.

Our current city commission has just gotten started and I believe, given time, they will set straight many of the errors of the past. The only people who should be afraid are those who might be exposed for not having looked out for the best interests of all members of this community. We should not protect these special interests by removing the incumbents. If re-elected, Harma Miller and Mary Wilkerson will join with Steve Wilson, Steve Weeks and Bill Mathis to ensure to look after ALL of our best interests.

Sincerely,

Anne Haskell
Belle Glade

Dear Editor:

I feel comments made by city commissioners recently recorded in The Sun must be responded to.

1. "The city cannot legislate morality." If this premise is to be accepted then we should apologize to pimps, prostitutes, and drug dealers for denying them the right to ply their "trade." However, nothing could be farther from the truth. Morality is not defined by individual choice. It is morally imperative that society have the responsibility to set limits on certain behavior, and not to turn from it.

2. "We have to be open-minded." Does this mind set include allowing debauchery, uncontrolled, unfettered, and without legal restraint?

3. "Leadership" a quality all our elected officials envision themselves having, does not depend upon consensus in order to be exercised. Citizens of Belle Glade elected representatives to make decisions that will benefit and enhance the entire community, even if not popular to some. If a referendum is truly needed to determine this outcome, please call for the next time the referendum requires a tax increase for the water department. The city commission, our elected representatives, must make the decision concerning this issue. Past history tells us that other municipalities that have faced this dilemma have ultimately done all within the law to limit, control, and restrain this activity. For us to do nothing would promote and legitimize an activity that brings only negativity to a community and degradation to all involved. All of Palm Beach County, the voting citizens of Belle Glade, and most important, our children await your decision. Make it a wise one.

Sincerely,

Jerry W. Smith
Belle Glade

Dear Harma:


Mayor Harma Miller's recent campaign letter makes for interesting reading. She states that current issues "fly in the face of reason." I could not agree more! How could any reasonable person be so logically regulating the presence of adult entertainment in order to restrain and limit incremental progression. This is a delusion. I hope that the course our city is bound for. If the proliferation of adult entertainment is part of the commission's comprehensive plan, then the voters need to make their voices known at the ballot box. This is not negative politics, but an evaluation of the judgment and vision of our elected representatives. If the evidence and facts are logically examined, then reason will prevail.

Sincerely,

Jerry W. Smith
Belle Glade

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Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson announces annual top 10 fraud list

A former Pinellas County bus driver and his wife claimed a slip and fall on the job led to a rare disorder causing him to behave at times like a 5-year-old. But the Florida Department of Insurance fraud investigators say they both behaved like swindlers, allegedly bilking a workers compensation insurance trust of 1.4 million dollars. That case, one of more than 1,300 worked by the department's Division of Insurance Fraud during the fiscal year that ended June 30, made it onto Commissioner Bill Nelson's annual list of top 10 fraud schemes.

Nelson, who has made fighting insurance fraud a top priority of the department, has released a list of the top 10 fraud cases of the six years he has served as insurance commissioner. "Our intent is to make consumers aware of the many ways fraud can be instigated, and encouraged them to help us in fighting this costly crime," he said in releasing the list.

Other cases on this year's list include fraudulent medical claims stemming from staged car crashes and a scheme that defrauded about 90 elderly investors. In the case involving the former bus driver and his wife, the couple claimed the disorder that caused the husband to convert to child like behavior stemmed from a fall that happened in 1987 in Pinellas County. But he was working for the Sun Coast Transit Authority. Three years later he filed a disability claim for workers compensation insurance.

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— Commissioner Bill Nelson

from the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, and his wife began collecting a reimbursement for being his caretaker.

A tip for the Florida League of Cities, the third party administrator for the insurance trust, led to charges against both the man and his wife. State Fraud investigators said their investigation, including video surveillance, revealed behavior by the husband inconsistent with the insurance claims. Then when the couple was arrested last April, he acted as though he was mentally handicapped, but in the back of the patrol car, when the couple thought they were alone, they were actually being taped, conversing normally with his wife, investigators said.

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"Education is a third career for me," said Mr. Firpo.

Prior to becoming a teacher, he held various positions for the South Broward Park District in Hollywood from 1971 to 1982.

He has also been an operations manager for Atlantis Water Park in Hollywood and was even in the restaurant business with his wife.

After getting his degree, Mr. Firpo became a substitute teacher and was working on a full-time teaching position in Belle Glade with Project Respect, a drop-out retrieval program. From Belle Glade, he went to work at Crestwood Middle School and then on to Melaleuca Elementary in West Palm Beach.

He furthered his education at FAU and then taught at Rosenwald Elementary School in South Bay. He is a principal. He feels his work at Rosenwald left a definite mark.

As an assistant principal at Rosenwald, I instituted programs that raised test scores across the board, where the previous five years they had declined," he said.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Excerpts from this story were shared with the Town Crier in Wellington.

CRIME STOPPER

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Halinda Page who is wanted for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Page is a black female, 5'5" tall, and weighs 168 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes and a scar on her right knee and hand. Her date of birth is January 26, 1951.

Her last known address was 505 Southwest 7th Street, Belle Glade. Her occupation is unknown. Page's warrant was active as of August 22, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Halinda Page, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if your tip leads to an arrest.



Halinda Page

How could you be so wrong?

"You guys really blew this one," a friend said to me last week, as Hurricane Debby deteriorated over the western Caribbean Sea. "How could you guys be so wrong about this hurricane?"

It was a good question. How could we be so wrong?

After all, according to forecasts from the National Hurricane Center (NHC), Debby had the potential to become a category three hurricane. Instead of growing stronger, however, Debby fell apart, weakening to a scrawny tropical storm, then a feeble tropical depression and finally a pathetic tropical wave.

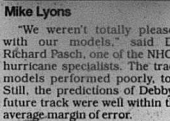
How could we be so wrong? After all, Debby was supposed to menace Florida. One forecast from the National Hurricane Center placed the center of Debby 60 miles off the Palm Beach County coastline, while just about every other forecast made it seem inevitable that a formidable hurricane was headed our way.

Instead, Debby stubbornly refused to follow any forecast track issued by the specialists at the NHC, steering instead into the tall mountains of Hispanola, insuring a quick death for the fourth named storm of the 2000 hurricane season.

How could we be so wrong? The answer is actually pretty straightforward: tropical cyclones are inherently difficult to predict and are full of surprises.

That is an oversimplification, of course, and doesn't give the experts at the National Hurricane Center their due respect. Yet, in this age of computer models, high-altitude jet, reconnaissance aircraft, orbiting weather satellites and sensitive Doppler radars, forecasting tropical cyclones remains the most challenging job in meteorology.

Of course, it didn't help matters that, none of the Hurricane Center's fancy computer models predicted Debby would fall apart. The models consistently suggested that Debby would intensify; even the consistent GFDL went gaga, predicting Debby would become a category four hurricane.



Mike Lyons

"We weren't totally pleased with our models," said Dr. Richard Pasch, one of the NHC's hurricane specialists. The track models performed poorly, too. Still, the predictions of Debby's future track were well within the average margin of error.

How could the models be so wrong? The atmosphere is extremely complex. Not even the most advanced computer model can catch every nuance in a constantly changing environment.

In addition, a computer model is only as good as its data. If that data is corrupted or incomplete then the forecast is going to be way off.

Several models had trouble pinpointing Debby's initial location. That's the worst kind of mistake. After all, if you aren't sure where the storm is currently located, how can you predict where it will end up?

One of my other friends summed things up fairly well last week when he said that Mother Nature is Mother Nature. Things just happen and sometimes there is no plausible explanation.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center will spend the coming days assessing their performance, fine-tuning their computer models and preparing for the next challenge in the tropics.

Historically, the most active month in the tropics is September. Another forecasting challenge is just around the corner.

Mike Lyons is the chief weather specialist at WFTB-TV.

Belle Glade

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 602 complaints, gave 34 traffic citations and made 28 arrests the week of August 21-27. Those arrested included:

August 21 - Carl V. Green, 36, warrant for issuing a worthless check and carrying a concealed firearm into a city government meeting; Kenneth Brown, 47, violation of probation.

August 22 - Alfonso Brown, 36, civil contempt of court; Robert Williams, 33, violation of probation; Jernam Robinson, 28, resisting arrest without violence.

August 23 - Monica Cabaza, 25, domestic battery; Michael Williams, 31, possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Ajani Hammond, 26, aggravated assault; Jeread Davis, 35, six counts of attempted first degree murder; Dorothea Harris, 37, aggravated domestic assault; Maguel Suarez, 60, attempted murder; John Rush, 57, domestic battery.

August 24 - Ronnie Booth, 22, burglary to a structure and petty theft; Shavar Brand, 18, burglary to a structure and petty theft.

August 25 - Johnny Mays, 54, violation of probation; Jennifer, 8, two counts of battery;

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Juvenile, 6, battery; Juvenile, 9, battery; Juvenile, 17, criminal mischief; Juvenile, 16, criminal mischief; Juvenile, 15, exposure of sexual organs; Theresa Hooks, 47, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

August 26 - Johnny Slater, 28, two counts of aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting an officer with violence, depriving an officer of means of protection, possession of marijuana over 20 grams and possession of marijuana with intent to sell; Willie Green, 26, battery, battery on a law enforcement officer, depriving a law enforcement officer of communications and resisting an officer with violence; Teresa Richardson, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; Edith Aguilar, 20, battery.

August 27 - Jeffrey Griffin, 28, uttering a forged and defrauding an innkeeper; Reginald Davis, 35, six counts of attempted first degree murder; Dorothea Harris, 37, aggravated domestic assault; Jeread Davis, 35, opposing and obstructing an officer without violence.

Pahokee

The Pahokee Police Department handled 174 calls, issued 3 traffic citations and

made seven arrests the week of August 21-27. Those arrested included:

August 21 - Berulo Torres, 53, failure to appear on a warrant for driving while under the influence.

August 22 - Kevin Lee Wilson, 24, warrant for violation of probation.

August 23 - Anthony Eaddy Jr., 28, violation of probation on charges of possession of cocaine.

August 24 - Melvin Berges, 29, simple battery.

August 25 - Nelson Jimenez, 22, domestic battery.

August 26 - Tony Kinsler, 43, domestic battery and driving with a suspended license.

August 27 - Hugo Ramirez, 27, domestic battery; Melvin Bullington, 45, violation of the open container law and disorderly intoxication.

Sheriff's office

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 2 arrests the week of August 22-28. Those arrested included:

August 21 - No arrests made. August 22 - No arrests made. August 23 - No arrests made. August 24 - No arrests made. August 25 - No arrests made. August 26 - No arrests made. August 27 - No arrests made.

August 28 - Jemill Nicole Hester, 29, Belle Glade, grand theft auto; Machee R. Jenkins, 42, Pahokee, felony driving with license suspended.

South Bay

The South Bay Police Department made 13 arrests the week of August 20-26. Those arrested included:

August 20 - Michael E. Dow, 31, escape; Christopher J. Bradford, 19, escape.

August 21 - Sam Smith, 44, warrant for possession of cocaine; Wesley E. Johnson, 36, aggravated battery.

August 22 - Ricky Green, 22, violation of the open container law; Willie A. Green, 28, obstruction of justice; George G. Graham, 22, violation of the open container law.

August 23 - No arrests made. August 24 - No arrests made.

August 25 - Dagmar Brown, 26, violation of the open container law; Lorenzo Lucas, 39, violation of the open container law; Juvenile, 17, domestic battery.

August 26 - Juvenile, 17, possession of cocaine; Ricardo Vincent, 19, trespassing; Bobby Lee Laws, 45, warrant for failure to appear.

Man takes loaded gun into city commission meeting

By Brenda Bunting Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story was scheduled to run last week as a side bar to the Belle Glade Commission story, but was inadvertently left out.

A Belle Glade man was arrested during Monday night's Belle Glade City Commission meeting when an on-duty police officer seated in the meeting in commission chambers recognized him and remembered he had an outstanding felony arrest warrant for issuing a worthless check for \$4,500.

But, when arresting officer Det. Matthew Sweet asked Carl Green, the owner of Bonaventure Restaurant and Lounge to step outside the building about 9 p.m., he discovered Green was also carrying a loaded gun under his shirt.

Green told Det. Sweet he had the gun, a Sig Sauer P232, 38 caliber auto-loading pistol and he also produced a full magazine of ammunition.

Det. Sweet said while Green did have a valid State of Florida Concealed Weapon or Firearm permit, he was breaking the law

by bringing the weapon and ammunition into a public meeting.

Florida Statute 790.06 (12) states that issuance of a State of Florida Concealed Weapon or Firearm license does not authorize any person in possession of the license to possess a concealed firearm into "...any meeting of the governing body of a county, public school district, municipality, or special district."

Green was arrested for violating this law as well as for the felony warrant for the worthless check.

It was also noted during the meeting by Chief of Police Michael Miller that Mr. Green did not have a city occupational license for Bonaventure. According to Financial Director Dave Wood, Mr. Green came to city hall the next day, August 22, and filled out the necessary paperwork and paid the money to get the occupational license. In addition to the \$150 fee for the license, Mr. Green was required to pay a \$37.50 late fee and a \$250 civil penalty, bringing the total cost to \$457.50.

Speak

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Don't vote race or religion

"The City of Belle Glade has an upcoming city election for city commissioners. This may sound a little hard for some people to do, but don't base your vote on someone because of their religious background or race. Those things are not important. The thing that is important is how a candidate feels on issues, what they intend to do when they are in office, and their character in a tough situation.

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Get to know your candidates well, and find out not what they can give you, but how you can help them help your community to become better."

Investigating police video tape

"I'm calling about the article in the newspaper dated August 24, 2000 about the city attorney investigating the video tape of Bonaventure. I am curious as to why the person who wrote the article did not include anything about Bonaventure not having

an occupational license and that it was expired for over a year. Also the fact that when Mr. Green came into the meeting he was arrested on a federal warrant.

When they arrested him, he was also carrying a gun that was loaded with an extra magazine. That is a problem, and an example of the criminal activity that is allowed and over looked. Mayor Miller needs to reconsider having the adult entertainment ordinance that would limit having alcohol sold at these events. And it is adult entertainment. I have seen the video and it disgusted me. Thank you."

EDITOR'S NOTE: We originally had the story of Mr. Green's arrest as a side bar to the Belle Glade City Commission story last week. It was inadvertently left out by mistake. It is in this week's edition.

Another response to get a clue

"This is a response to who ever wrote 'get a clue.' I would like to let people know the city commissioners Mary Wilkerson, Steve Wilson and Harma Miller, are doing a great job in this community.

Everyone is concerned about the strict club and adult entertainment and all that. But the main concern is our kids. Just this past week we had a young kid, an athletic young man, about to start his senior year, die

In a tragic incident.

He never got a chance, and his parents will never see him again. They put more of our concern into our children in the community then into the commission meetings? We would have a better city. Our commissioners have a job to do and they do it to the best of their ability. And to sit there and say that you hope she loses, that's not right, because she has done an excellent job. If she was not doing a good job, we would not have put her back in there."

Bonaventure

"I'm calling in reference to the concern that was performed by '2 Live Crew' at Bonaventure. I know there is a lot of controversy about the issue. The attorney for the club states there is nothing illegal about adult entertainment in this city and it's not up to the chief to be the moderator of morals. He also says that the club was not doing anything wrong. Actually, there is something wrong. The club applied

for the liquor license under a restaurant establishment not as a night club, therefore their license is not allowed to serve liquor to our children in the entertainment. I think ATF needs to be contacted. There is a local office over in West Palm. Also the sales taxes have not been paid, or the liquor taxes. There are several things going wrong at that club. When they went from being a restaurant and allowing anybody to enter, eat a meal and leave and then becoming a concert hall and charging admission to hear a concert they are out of their occupational license. Also, who in their right mind would bring '2 Live Crew' to this town after they were banned from over 200 municipalities? I don't think this is the type of entertainment we need to bring to this town.

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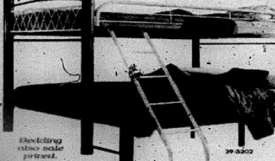


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Eagle Academy aims to help at risk kids soar

By Tracy Whirls
 Since the first students were enrolled in September, 1997, the Eagle Academy, operated by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office at the Area 5 substation in Belle Glade, has provided an alternative education program. It is based on a military school form of scheduling and instruction, for at risk students in Palm Beach County.

"It is a voluntary program. We don't take kids who don't want to come. If they don't want to be here, they'll never go through the rigors of the program," said Superintendent Paul Miles. This, and the fact that none of the students have been adjudicated of a felony, is what makes the Eagle Academy an academy, rather than a "boot camp." "It's not a boot camp. It's a military style academy very much like West Point or the other service academies," he said. "In the three years the school has been open, there's not been a real common denominator. They come from all socioeconomic backgrounds, from all areas of the county," Superintendent Miles said.

"Typically, the kids are lacking something in their education that they want assistance with. They're falling below their educational level, in danger of quitting or being put out. They may have discipline problems, truancy. A lot of kids realize they're not in the grade they should be in and they need to get it together to get through high school. They want to come to a place that restructures their life."

Academy nurse Grace Childs said many of the recruits come from chaotic families, single parent homes or families in which the parent has multiple partners. "Typically they're lacking something in their education through their own fault—not going to school, not doing their homework. Often, however, the problem in school revolves around a whole lot of other things, problems at home, problems on the street," Ms. Childs said. "While they're here, they often uncover family issues. The mandatory Wednesday night sessions help families learn new techniques that will help them once their children come back," she added. "If you ask the parents themselves, the single most common factor is inconsistency."

To combat this, the academy

operates on a military model, with a regimented daily routine, clear rules of conduct and an emphasis on military bearing and discipline.

The day to day schedule is very similar to "basic training." Students get up at 4 a.m., dress, clean up, make their bunks, all according to military protocol. At 5 a.m. they report for physical training or calisthenics, after which they shower, dress, and prepare for inspection of themselves, their dress, lockers and barracks. At 6 a.m. the recruits report for breakfast in the chow hall. Clean up assignments are rotated among the cadets, who serve in the serving line, clean up tables, sweep and perform other chores. After breakfast, selected cadets perform the flag ceremony, and all participate in the drill ceremony. They organize their books and supplies, have a snack and begin classes. The students are in class until 3 p.m. although time is set aside for sessions with case managers, other staff and peer counseling.

After school, students are given time for homework, which includes a daily essay, assigned by staff, which helps the instructors get to know the students better. Dinner is served at 4 p.m., and is followed by more drilling or running the obstacle course or participating in some other outdoor activity, such as tug-of-war until dark. The flag is taken down, and recruits return to the barracks for showers, letter writing or phone calls home.

"It's very much like the military and half our staff are former members of different branches of the military," he said. In addition to the drill instructors, all certified Palm Beach County Sheriff's Deputies, the academy is staffed by case managers, licensed clinical social workers and a resident nurse.

The program is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Four teams, comprised of an assistant superintendent, a senior drill instructor, four drill instructors, two of whom are female, work two 12-hour shifts each day. The student to staff ratio is two to one, the drill instructors are with the recruits the entire day.

"In the classroom, in the barracks—when students are in counseling sessions, the drill instructor is sitting in a chair outside the door. A DI is in the bay each night when they're sleeping,"

Superintendent Miles said.

Because of the rigorous selection process, the continual observation and rigid discipline, serious discipline problems are few, Superintendent Miles said, and roughly 81 percent of the recruits go on to graduate from the program.

"A few just don't want to do it, and they quit. Some refuse our help and we go through the school system and expel them," Superintendent Miles said. "We have some kids who ask why they have to do certain things, and there's some horseplay from time to time. They're kids. Some kids it takes us two months to learn their name, some, you learn their name as soon as they get off the bus."

This year, for the first time, ten girls were enrolled in the program, along with 55 male recruits and 13 returning cadets.

They have their own barracks, their own uniforms (purple, black and grey versus the blue and grey worn by the males) and will be separated from their male counterparts 95 percent of the time—attending separate classes, separate physical training courses and separate dining assignments in the chow hall, Superintendent Miles said.

"They may be together for special events, like visits from guest speakers. But for the most part they'll be separate. We think this is the best learning environment for both of them. We want them to get their own lives together before they have to worry about other issues," Superintendent Miles said.

Every 30 days, the recruit, his parent, a drill instructor, teacher and case manager meet for a treatment team. Goals are set by the treatment team, and the recruit's progress through the program is measured by ribbons earned for community service, first aid, academics and other achievements. The number of ribbons earned, determine the rate of progress through the program, and each thirty days, goals are accomplished, the students earn the right to wear a different colored hat—which allows staff to tell at a glance who has passed his or her treatment team and who has not.

Typically students are enrolled for one school semester. Some decide they want more, and this year the academy instituted a program for cadets, that will allow

last semester's recruits to return to the program for one full school year.

"It's a win-win situation. These are kids who six months ago were crying with homesickness, that can now serve as mentors and role models for the new recruits," Superintendent Miles said, noting that the program continues to evolve. "We just started a reserve program, that allows graduates to come in one weekend a month—they're living at home, going to school, but they don't want to lose their affiliation with the program, or the mentorship of the drill instructors."

The brain child of Sheriff Bob Neumann, the program was created by the sheriff's office, with cooperation from the Palm Beach County School District, because law enforcement officers recognize that juveniles who are not in school, that are not taught to be productive, often end up in the system, Superintendent Miles said.

On the academic side, the program is staffed by four Palm Beach County teachers. Classes are small, the academic program is more structured than is typical in a regular high school, and after-school programs such as computer courses are offered. Drill instructors serve as tutors, helping recruits further their academic and social skills.

Superintendent Miles said he is pleasantly surprised by the number of teens who volunteer for the program, which always has a waiting list. Students are recruited through school guidance offices, or may be referred by area police departments or sheriff's offices, although "word of mouth" is the most common type of referral. The academy is open to students who are Palm Beach County residents, ages 13-16, who have not been adjudicated of any felony.

"Kids learn up front what's expected of them. There are no tricks. Everything they get here; they earn, whether it's a phone call, a trip home or a ribbon," he continued. Misconduct earns push ups, essays, letters of apology or other sanctions, as determined by the drill instructors and other staff.

The enrollment process is very rigorous. Students must write essays to explain why they want to come to the Academy. They and their families are interviewed extensively by staff caseworkers



One of the new recruits in the Eagle Academy's first group of female cadets receives instructions from a drill instructor during inspection the first morning. Photo by Tracy Whirls

and drill instructors, and parents must agree to participate in monthly "treatment teams" and weekly Wednesday night sessions during which discipline problems or other behaviors are identified and goals set to help the recruit become successful.

"From the time the kids get off the bus the first day, they learn a multitude of information fast. They learn how to dress, how to make their bunk, how to talk. Every day it gets better as they learn the routine."

The biggest problem for the young recruits, the superintendent said, is homesickness.

"When I went to boot camp, I was homesick, and I was eighteen.

Some of these kids are thirteen and they've never been away from home before. There's a lot of crying."

Throughout the school year, the recruits participate in field trips, to Walt Disney World or a Miami Dolphins game, as well as earning the right to participate in community service projects—the annual Take Pride in Lake Okechobee clean up, the Very Special Arts festival and others.

"Everywhere they go they receive accolades, for their marching, how respectful they are when they go out," Ms. Childs said. "All positive stuff, where some of these kids have heard only negative stuff about themselves all their lives."

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Senior quarterback Kyle McNamara leads the Glades Day Gators onto the field against Okeechobee. The Gators defeated the Brahman last Thursday, 14-0.



Above, Glades Day cheerleaders Summer Miller, Heather York and Lauren Sweet are held aloft by their squad mates. 'The Lift' always gives a lift to Gator fans.



Right, the Glades Day Varsity Cheerleader Squad includes, front row, from left, Jennifer Milandro, Shannon Davis, Georgia Pate; back row, Olivia DeCastro, Heather York, Kristin Gilliam, Summer Miller, Lauren Sweet and Blair Pelham.

Photos by Ken Beck

Glades Day Gators outduel Okeechobee Brahman

By Ken Beck

Coach Craig Dobson's Glades Day Gators tackled the 3-A Okeechobee Brahman Thursday night, Aug. 24, in the first half of the Clewiston Jamboree, coming away with an impressive 7-0 victory.

The Brahman brought a huge line to Clewiston with the intent of controlling the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball, but the Gators were not overwhelmed either mentally or physically.

The Gator line repeatedly opened holes for slashing runners Nick Sanchez and Eric Molares

on offense, and protected quarterback Kyle McNamara well enough for him to make key completions, with wide receivers Micah Thomas and Richard Hodges.

The Gators scored the game's only touchdown with 5:57 left in the first quarter when senior Eric Molares broke clear for an 11-yard run to paydirt. The resulting kick determined the final score of 7-0.

The remainder of the game was an exchange of balls up and down the field, with Glades Day making the most yardage, but unable to put the ball in the end zone against the larger Brahman, who

hoisted four linemen over 275 pounds.

The longest possession came early in the second half, with the Gators driving all the way to the Okeechobee 11-yard line before turning the ball over on a fumble.

The rest of the game was played between the twelves as neither team threatened to score again.

Okeechobee's closest threat was a missed field goal by senior Kent Smith.

The Gators travel to LaBelle this Friday as they open the season against a 2-A playoff team which made the playoffs last year.

Pahokee Blue Devils unable to cage Clewiston Tigers

By Ken Beck

The Pahokee Blue Devils traveled to Clewiston Thursday night, Aug. 24, to face the Clewiston Tigers in the second half of the preseason Clewiston Jamboree hoping to establish themselves as the best 2-A team in the Big Lake area.

A fumble on the opening kickoff gave the Tigers the advantage early, but a tough Blue Devil defense kept the damage at a minimum.

On their first real possession, Pahokee sent a warning to future opponents that their passing game could not be ignored with a 52-yard completion to the Clewiston 10-

yard line. Pahokee failed to score on the drive, however, as the Tigers' larger, more experienced line took control of the game at that point, both on offense and defense.

Clewiston unleashed a passing game of their own in the second quarter with a four-down scoring toss from the nine. The kick was successful, and the Tigers led 7-0.

Although they were unable to establish a consistent running game, the Blue Devils continued to cover large pieces of real estate with the potent passing game, holding the Tigers at bay until a late second-quarter drive which extended the Clewiston lead to

14-0.

Pahokee made one final scoring effort with 3:22 left in the game when they blocked a Tiger punt on the Clewiston 30-yard line. A nine-yard sack moved the Blue Devils back temporarily, but they rebounded with a 30-yard pass to the Tiger nine-yard line.

The Blue Devils were then penalized for offensive pass interference, but again recouped the loss with a 13-yard pass to the two on third-and-goal.

Facing a fourth-and-goal with 1:07 left to play, the Pahokee team finally ran out of gas, missing on a final pass attempt and going away with a 14-0 loss.

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In the event that a Run-Off Election is necessary on September 19, 2006, the Board of the City of Belleville, Missouri, will then meet to consider the same agenda item to be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. or at an earlier hour as determined by the Board. The Public Hearing will be held on the General Election, September 19, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. or at an earlier hour as determined by the Board. Public Hearing Location: Public Hearing Room, 2nd Street, Belleville, MO. Public Hearing Time: 7:00 p.m. or at an earlier hour as determined by the Board.

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